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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97, and in accordance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant hereby presents the attached Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO/SB/08A). The attached Information Disclosure Statement is filed to identify potentially pertinent references. No admission or representation is made that a search has been performed or that the references are or are not pertinent or usable as prior art. The references speak for themselves.

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**Revised Associate Power of Attorney Practice - 37 CFR 1.32**  
**(Applies to Associate Powers of Attorney filed on or after June 25, 2004)**

This is in response to the Associate Power of Attorney, filed 2.7.05, which was on or after June 25, 2004, the effective date of a rule change eliminating Associate Power of Attorney practice (37 CFR 1.34(b) was eliminated). See Revision of Power of Attorney and Assignment Practice, 69 Fed. Reg. 29865 (May 26, 2004); 1283 Off. Gaz. 148 (Jun. 22, 2004)

Although the paper has been placed in the file, the names of the patent practitioners listed on the Associate Power of Attorney have not been made of record.

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- (1) sign a change of address,
- (2) expressly abandon a patent application without filing a continuation,
- (3) sign a terminal disclaimer, and
- (4) sign a power to inspect.

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For additional information regarding the elimination of Associate Power of Attorney practice, see the questions and answers posted at:  
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/poafaqs.htm>.